



Las Vegas Paiute Tribe

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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Ellen Wheatley
Office of Child Care
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Dear Ellen Wheatley,

This letter describes how the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe Administration plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA). We understand that this description will be used for the purpose of informing the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families and Congress how our Lead Agency anticipates using the funds to support the child care needs in our jurisdiction.

We plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

- 1. Direct Services/Subsidies** The Las Vegas Paiute Tribe Administration administers CCDF funds only through one (1) tribally operated center (Las Vegas Paiute Tribe Child Development Center) so funds will be used for direct services provided within the center.
- 2. Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices** The Las Vegas Paiute Tribe Child Development Center will use CRRSA funds to support our current (and any new) virus mitigation policies and practices. Masks are required (and supplied if needed) for anyone entering the main lobby and only staff, children and visitors/tribal maintenance employees who are providing a needed "service" are allowed into the main area. Anyone entering the main area is temperature checked and must sanitize or wash their hands with soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds. Touchless hand sanitizer stations are available in the main lobby and inside the doors that lead into the main area as well as on the outside playground. The center routinely cleans, sanitizes and disinfects surfaces and objects that are frequently touched, including using a Victory Electrostatic Cordless Sprayer daily for all common area surfaces, including children's toys and toy shelves. CRRSA funds will be used to purchase all supplies for these practices as well as supplying children's families and center staff with hand sanitizer, alcohol wipes and masks. Center staff are currently working on a

rotating shift basis so that in the event of a virus exposure, potentially all staff will not be exposed at the same time. Rotating staff also reduces the number of adults in the center at one time and helps with social distancing. CRRSA funds will be used to pay staff wages, including quarantine time if necessary. Staff are required to stay home if they feel ill and if their symptoms are indicative of Covid-19 then they will be tested at the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe's Health Clinic and must remain home until they receive test results.

3. Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers Our agency is not planning to use funds under this heading.

4. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic We are unable to respond at this time because our agency only administers CCDF funds through one (1) tribally operated center so we need more guidance and information on the following:

- (1) How do we fulfill this requirement when we currently do not have/utilize "providers"?
- (2) Do providers need to be affiliated with "Tribal" CCDF or does it include any providers in our service area?
- (3) How do we know if the providers were not participating in the subsidy system prior to the pandemic?

5. Other CRRSA funds will be used for all regular/allowable CCDF expenditures as described in our approved CCDF plan.

The Las Vegas Paiute Tribe Administration will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

Sincerely,
/s/

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